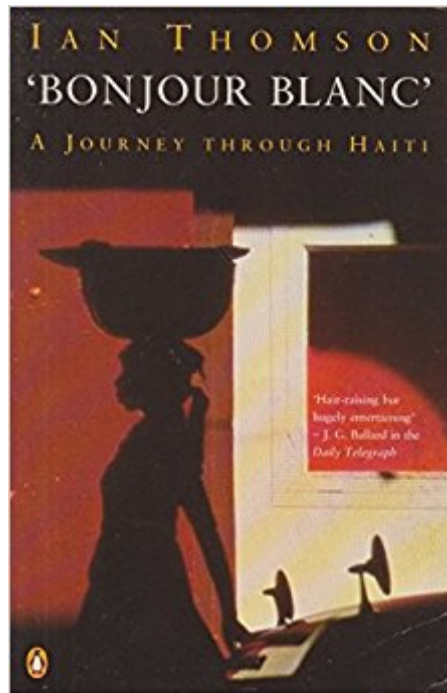


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Bonjour Blanc: Journey Through Haiti



Synopsis

Haiti is associated with voodoo, Papa Doc and the Tonton Macoutes; of political violence and desperate poverty. In this book, the author is initiated into the feared Bizango religion, an African animalist cult, whose associates venerate coffins and human skulls and talks to zombies, members of the walking dead. The book is part history and part personal travelogue and introduces the reader to a gallery of eccentrics from present day Haiti, as well as from the nation's rich past.

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Customer Reviews

I read Ian's later book about Jamaica called the Dead Yard. After having traveled to Jamaica, I could easily see Ian's probe of the history of the island. This book is just as interesting. I visited Haiti in 2000 and toured Port-au-Prince and Cap-Haitien. I did some of the same things as Ian, so that is why his books appeal to me. In this book, Thomson takes to task the way Haiti and its citizens take the world. All whites are considered a fountain of money, and people will ask you for money on the street. The country is run down, and falling apart, and this was multiplied by the recent earthquake. Haiti is a good country to visit, but you have to be a wise and experienced traveler. This is not a country for everyone. However, the trip is well worth it, and the experience might make you wiser. Haiti is certainly a third world nation with plenty of poverty. However, a trip will reveal unique characters that will certainly surprise you. Ian makes the remembrance vivid with his great travel (and history) book about this amazing country Haiti.

Captivating travel journal. Takes you on an enjoyable ride to all corners of Haiti. Very readable and

hard to put down. Translating French phrases would be appreciated. Would recommend this book to friends. thanks!!

Having lived all over Haiti for three years, knowing literally thousands of Haitians, and being fluent in the language, I can say with certainty that much of what Mr. Thomson relates is hyperbolic exaggeration. It's sad when a so-called non-fiction writer fabricates so much information--this is not an accurate representation of real Haiti, but a made-up caricature of what Mr. Thomson believes Haiti should be. While the writing itself is top notch, the stories are obviously bogus and they perpetuate many myths and misunderstandings that seem to be associated with this tragic yet magical land. I do not recommend this book if you are looking for anything remotely approaching the truth.

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